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FARMERS' SOCIETY OF EQUITY MEET AT K. C.

REPORTS FROM MANY STATES SHOW AN IMMENSE GROWTH IN BUSINESS THE PAST YEAR

The annual convention of the Farmers Society of Equity held in Kansas City on December 14 and 15 was thoroughly representative of the spirit of real co-operation, and the unbounded enthusiasm and earnestness of the delegates present was reflected in the splendid work which was accomplished.

Over 1600 votes were represented in the meeting, and due to the pressure of extra work the convention held the better part of four days. Headquarters for the meeting were established in room four of the Muehlebach hotel. Forenoon, afternoon and night sessions were necessary in order to finish the work for which the delegates had assembled.

The report of accomplishment by districts was an energetic endorsement of the Equity plan in full.

L. H. Brechman, A. H. Gretchen and President Bettermen of the Parkers Prairie, Minn. organization developed the fact that over half a million dollars business was done in their district the past year. They are thoroughly established and have gotten on a jobbing basis for considerable of their business being especially the salt distributors for their territory. They handled in their territory over 700 cars of cattle and hogs. Other commodities claim a large share of the tremendous business done.

E. M. Sweitzer of the Pennsylvania district reported an immense handling of fertilizer in carlots, also wheat buckwheat flour, mill products, coal, potatoes, fruits implements, machinery twine, sacks, etc., and stated that Pennsylvania is alive with the Equity spirit and ripe everywhere for organization. Pennsylvania's business reached into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Frank Metcalf, representing the Oneida Farmers Union, one of the largest Equity districts of southern Idaho, reported the large success of his section in handling grain especially.

They have a modern elevator plant costing \$17,000, and were successful in paying their stockholders 10 per cent on capital stock, and four per cent to the members in proportion to the business done by each with their corporation during the year. The latter is a trade or patronage dividend and depends wholly upon the volume of business the past year.

The intermountain district has 30 such clearing houses with the central power and control vested in the Central Clearing house at Pocatello, Idaho.

David Holmgren, of Tremonton, Utah, reported the same large measure of success in the Utah district, especially in the matter of handling lumber, coal, general farm supplies etc. The farmers in their district have gained such a degree of strength that they are forcing the great sugar companies to an agreement which is absolutely satisfactory to the greatest combinations of capital in the world, which fact reflects to greater credit upon the ability of the equity farmers to gain such concessions.

L. F. Yoder, representing the Western Idaho-Eastern Oregon district, reported a gross business of over \$600,000. They have attained signal success in marketing hogs especially. Mr. Yoder stated that their chief concern is to educate their farmers to sell their hogs on consignment, taking a commission sales account as a basis for final settlement. In this manner the shipper gets all the profits over and above the actual handling cost. They have also handled huge quantities of grain and have made the best poultry market in the west by insisting upon their members shipping only the best and getting the top of the market in return for them. Mr. Yoder's district is in the heart of the fruit belt, but the total loss of the fruit by frost this year prohibited them from reaching the \$700,000 mark in business transacted this year.

H. Danforth of Missoula, Mont., made an extended report of the conditions in his territory. They have made a good showing considering the newness of that district and are expecting to conduct a campaign for capital stock in a few weeks under

the direction of National Organizer, H. G. Morris. All delegates were certainly convinced that our Montana district bids fair to become one of our largest and best districts, and Mr. Danforth's report was received enthusiastically.

J. A. McCune, manager of the UNION COUNTY, N. M., Clearing house W. H. Lindsey and L. H. Morrison, president and county delegate respectively, reported the facts concerning the business in their district, which was a distinct surprise to the convention. Union County surely got a large place on the Equity map. They were unable to state in dollars and cents what the volume of business was for the year, but not a delegate present doubted that New Mexico ultimately will be one of the greatest Equity districts in the United States. Broomcorn, maize, Kafir and Pinto Mexican beans are their chief crops, and the margin they have received through the Equity over the old scale of prices has set the farmers on fire for the principles of the organization. They gained over three cents a pound on beans and as high as \$25 per ton more for broomcorn. These delegates gave an excellent report of the work of the National Organizer in their territory.

The Oklahoma delegation was ably represented by J. E. Henson, of Shawnee, who gave some very timely and interesting reports on the benefits of the Equity in their district. He told how the National Organizer worked with their farmers for six weeks in May and June and expressed the desire that the National headquarters would send Mr. Morris back to their district as soon as possible in order that they may become incorporated and get on a business basis akin to the other very successful Equity districts. Arrangements were virtually made to comply with Mr. Henson's request, and Mr. Morris expects to go to Shawnee about the first week in February. Mr. Henson told of how their farmers netted over \$5.00 a ton for their watermelons and \$11.00 to \$25.00 per bale for cotton more than was offered by the dealers. He stated that their crops had been excellent, especially cotton, and that their farmers are now ready to incorporate and sell shares of stock to finance their organization.

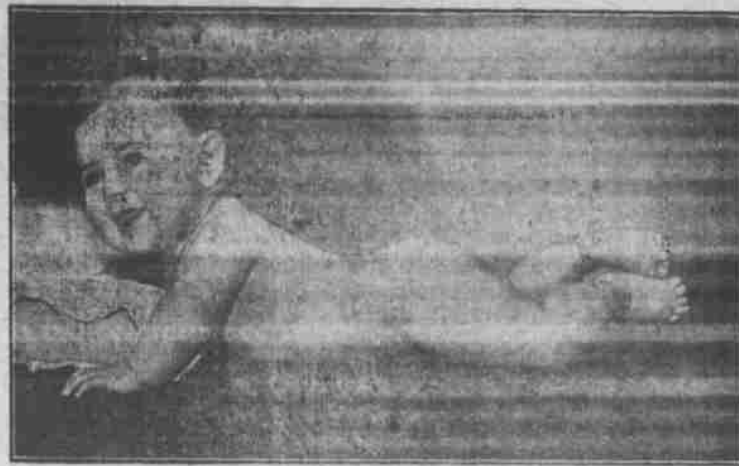
Miss Jeanette Rankin of Montana, congress-woman, elect had her prototype in the Equity convention in the person of Mrs. Harrison Danforth. Mrs. Danforth was our only lady delegate aside from our national secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Boyd. Mrs. Danforth expects to aid materially in the stock campaign soon to be conducted in Montana by the National Organizer, and will make a specialty of taking the ladies' memberships.

C. B. Lezier of the great Gulf Coast Equity district was absent, but a letter from him to H. G. Morris was read to the convention in which he extended felicitations and gave his promise for full support of the work of the convention. His district last year did over \$1,000,000 business, over half of which was in tomatoes alone. Mr. Lezier spends several weeks on the large markets each year, and his business is mostly in perishable products requiring extreme care in handling.

A. Y. Satterfield and Allen Roche, manager and secretary, respectively, of the intermountain district were unable to be present on account of the pressure of business, but communications from them were read by David Holmgren. Both expressed regrets that they were unable to participate in the affairs of the convention, and extended their best wishes for a successful meeting, promising support of the work done by the assembled delegates. Their district has built several new modern elevators this year and despite the hard business conditions they expect the most successful year of all when they issue their annual report in February. They have expended over \$42,000 in new properties and have handled hundreds of cars of grain, hay twine, sacks implements, machinery, potatoes, fruits and other commodities. The Pocatello Central Clearing House is incorporated and capitalized at \$150,000.

The national organization is represented in 23 states, and other districts have accomplished great things, but an extended notice of all in detail is prohibited by lack of space, and

Prize Winner of Recent Baby Contest



JOSEPH HARBURG HERZSTEIN

(Photo by Lord)

This little gentleman has a record of being 99.8 perfect and he well deserves it. He was examined in the recent Baby Contest conducted at the Court House under the auspices of the Home Economics. Joseph Harberg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Herzstein of this city, his father being proprietor of the H. Herzstein Seed Store here. He was born on the 6th of April 1916 and has been one of the happiest, healthiest babies imaginable.

Below is a list, with the score, of each child that was examined during this contest. The score cards were the regulation standard card for this purpose and the babies were examined and measured by nurses and doctors, the most competent to be had. The grading of the cards, which has been a tedious task comprising two weeks time, has been very carefully done and Dr. Emmett Holt, the world's authority on babies, was consulted at every step. Nothing has been left undone to give each and every child the best that could be given them. We are also publishing copy of a notice which was sent to each mother with the score card:

Dear Madam:
The National Baby Contest will be in March. In order to make it convenient for you to register your baby

time in which to compile the full reports.

The report of National Secretary-Treasurer, M. A. Boyd, showed the affairs of the society in excellent condition. The auditing committee's report showed all accounts up to the minute, correct as rendered in the various financial reports.

The report of National Organizer, H. G. Morris, showed that he has been consistently on the job, and that during the last six months he has raised funds for the various incorporations amounting to \$28,000 to be spent in developing new properties, and buying and selling. Over 100 new members have been added during his special stock campaign in New Mexico. He has been instrumental in securing for the Union County Equity 5 cars of implements and machinery, also a car of apples and one of potatoes one car of salt and one of wire. In addition he secured two cars of apples for the Minnesota district and one for the Oklahoma. Mr. Morris was unanimously re-elected National Organizer for the ensuing year.

By unanimous consent of the convention it was decided to adopt the Rochdale system of co-operation, so successful in Great Britain, as the future basis of operation, and to that end National headquarters will be re-incorporated and shares of stock will be sold to the members. The plan is to collect annual dues from the members, one dollar of which will be applied on the par value of a share of stock which will be five dollars. In five years the share of stock will be paid for, after which time the holder will draw dividends upon it.

The following report of the convention taken from the Kansas City Post summarizes the doings of the convention and is given verbatim.

FARMERS' SOCIETY PLANS COOPERATION

Equity Organization Will Adopt English System of Marketing.

The Farmers' Society of Equity, an organization for the cooperative purchase of necessities and sale of farm products, closed its session at the Hotel Muehlebach this morning by adopting unanimously the Rochdale system

before "Baby Week," the first Monday in each month is designated as Registration Day at the Court House in Clayton. Miss Mary Ryan will assist you.

If you do not understand the scoring, do not hesitate to safeguard your child by taking your card to your physician for explanation.

Scoring Committee.
December 13th, 1916.

Joseph Harberg Herzstein	99.8
Carl Dupree Rutledge	97.9
Alfonso Tixier	97.3
Fred Carter Haydon	96.3
Mary de Baca	95.3
Leslie Lee Van Pelt	94.5
Leona Bethel Talbot	94.
Dolores Quintana	92.8
Edward Lee Robinson	92.7
Anna Ruth Hill	92.5
Vergil Glen Selvy	92.
Margaret Elrod	91.5
Mary Margaret Graham	90.8
Robert Chilcote Alexander	89.5
Guy A. Rinker	88.5
John Lendel Elder	87.9
George Dominguez	87.6
G. William Willis	86.3
Thelma Herring	85.8
Chas. Arthur Teall	85.2
William Arthur McCann	80.4
Nadine Rixey	70.8
Phillip de Baca	66.7

of co-operative marketing as its future standard. By this plan, in successful use in England, all profits in excess of expenses are returned to members.

The society has erected \$42,000 worth of cooperative elevators during the past six months, and in the last year its aggregate business has amounted to \$4,330,000.

The organization now operates in 23 states, and is extending its work into additional territory.

Officers were elected as follows: E. M. Sweitzer, Frogtown Pa., president; David Holmgren, Tremonton, Utah, vice president; Mrs. M. A. Boyd, Indianapolis, Ind., secretary-treasurer; H. G. Morris, Nampa, Idaho, national organizer; L. F. Yoder, Nampa, Idaho, J. A. McCune, Clayton, N. M., W. H. Lindsey, Sedalia, N. M., A. Y. Satterfield, Pocatello, Idaho, Frank Metcalf, Malad, Idaho, A. H. Grothen, Parkers Prairie, Minn., L. H. Brechman, Parkers Prairie, Minn., and H. Danforth, Missoula, Mont., directors.—K. C. Post.

SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Anna Bryce, the fourth grade teacher was sick with La Grippe the first of the week. Mrs. Ballau substituted for Miss Bryce.

Pictures of the High School basketball team were taken by Mr. Lord last week.

School will close Friday, December 22, for the Christmas vacation and will reconvene Monday, January 8th.

Miss Nan Morgan will spend the vacation at Santa Fe; Miss Bryce will return to her home in Holly, Colorado; Miss Leavell will go to Canadian, Texas; Miss Chamberlain will visit friends in Topeka, and other points in Kansas; Miss McArthur will go to her ranch near Texline; Miss Lucas expects to go to Winslow, Arizona; Miss Slater goes to New Orleans and Prof. Howell will visit relatives at Ada, Oklahoma.

The Delphians and the Olympian Literary Societies will give their Christmas program Thursday afternoon. There will be special music by the girls glee club and the mixed chorus.

PROGRAM OF UNION CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

The three Sunday school are to have joint services and a large tree this year for the tots and we are certain that joint services will be far more enjoyable than each having one. Below is the program which will be rendered.

Joy to the World Congregation
Scripture Reading Rev. Mills
Prayer Rev. Whistler

Opening Chorus
Welcome Glad Christmas Time, by School

Quartette, Glory to God in the Highest
The Shepherds Four Boys
Recitation Mary Painter
Recitation Myrtle Hancock
Recitation, Marlene Chamberlain and T. H. Rixey

Violin Solo, Franz Dyche
Recitation, Walter Selvy
Recitation, Elmo Turpin
Recitation, Glenna Granville
Solo, Lillian Jones
Recitation, Mable Snyder
Recitation, Max Chamberlain
Holly Drill, Twelve Girls
Luther's Cradle Song, Mable Snyder and Glenna Granville

Chorus School
The Wise Men, Three Boys
Song, Dolly Johnson
Recitation, Beatrice Mathene
Recitation, Theodore Smith
Recitation, Arley Turpin
Recitation, Ersell Henton
Song, Long Years Ago, Methodist S. S.
Recitation, Gladys Mathene
Recitation, Elsie Williams
Recitation, George Troeshe
Recitation, David Kilburn
Tableau, Good Night

AN APPRECIATION

Thanksgiving has come and gone; Christmas is nearly here. New Years will soon come and with it 1917, the nineteenth year of our business in Clayton.

Our business has been one of steady progress from the first and we are glad to say that 1916 has been the banner year for this store.

While we may take a share of the credit for the service we render, due also to the grade of goods carried and the spirit of fair dealing that rules this establishment. We owe the most of our success to our customers and their good will.

We sincerely and heartily thank you for your support and patronage in the past and ask for a continuance of same. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy and Successful New Year.
R. W. ISAACS.

Master David Haydon rendered a violin solo at the Home Economics Club meeting last Friday afternoon. This talented little man has only been taking lessons a very short time and those who heard him play report that he executed the selection faultlessly and thought it rather remarkable that so young a boy could handle an instrument so well.

Rev. J. D. Franklin, colporter of the American Bible Society, was in the city yesterday from Des Moines, where he has a claim. Rev. Franklin is a returned missionary from Mexico and expects to take up the work again next year and go to Central America. He sold twenty-eight Bibles yesterday and has sold more than 2000 volumes in Union County since taking up his residence here.

Roy M. Briles arrived Sunday from the Chillicothe Business College of Chillicothe, Mo., and Monday morning started to work in the offices of the H. Herzstein Seed Company as a stenographer. Mr. Briles is the fourth young man who has been sent to Clayton by the Missouri school. Likewise, Mr. Briles is an Oklahoman, having been reared near Mounds, Okla.

Cole Dalton of Valley was in Clayton this week and states that the electoral college met at Judge Gripe's home in Valley some time ago and gave Wilson 10 majority, in the electoral because "he kept us out of waz."